

AMENDMENT OF THE CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED U.S. APPLICATIONS

Please amend the "Cross-Reference to Related U.S. Applications" on Page 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED [U.S. APPLICATIONS] APPLICATIONS

This is a Continuation-in-Part of: copending Application Serial No. [09/---,--- [not yet assigned]] 09/999,687 filed October 31, 2001 [[Attorney Docket 108-146USA000]]; copending Application Serial No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application Serial No. 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; copending Application Serial No. 09/047, 146 filed March 24, 1998; copending Application Serial No. 09/157,778 filed September 21, 1998; copending Application Serial No. 09/274,265, filed March 22, 1999; International Application Serial No. PCT/US/99/06505 filed March 24, 1999, and published as WIPO WO 99/49411; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999; and International Application Serial No. PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO WO 00/75856 A1; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein in its entirety.

AMENDMENT OF THE ABSTRACT:

Please rewrite the Abstract of Disclosure to read as follows:

--ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A planar laser illumination and imaging (PLIIM)-based hand-supportable linear imager employing linear electronic image detection arrays and optically-combined planar laser